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I REGRET THAT I'M UNABLE TO BE PRESENT AT YOUR RETIREMENT AND ITS CEREMONIES. I'M SURE THAT BILL COLBY WILL DISTINGUISH THE HECASION.

LET ME SAY THAT I'M PLEASED TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUBLICLY RECOGNIZE, AS YOUR FORMER DCI, THE TREMEMDOUS CONTRIBU-TION TO NATIONAL SECURITY YOU HAVE MADE. THE ADDITIONS TO OUR INTELLIGENCE TO WHICH YOU HAVE SO HANDSOMELY CONTRIBUTED OVER THE YEARS HAVE THEIR SINGULAR MARK. THE ELEMENTARY AND MODEST BEGIN-MINGS THAT LED TO THE NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER WERE NUTURED AND CARRIED FORWARD UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP FOR OVER WENTY YEARS AND NOW STAND AS A MAJOR NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ASSET.

MY BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND PRODUCTIVE POST-RETIREMENT EXPERIENCE.

WITH WARM REGARDS TO YOU AND MRS. LUNDAHL.

( DICK)

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RICHARD MCG. HELMS

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